



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2005 - 24

EMERGENCY OCCUPATION OF HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOMS

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana acknowledges the extreme disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina and the state of emergency the citizens of southeast Louisiana are coping with;

WHEREAS, due to the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina, emergency situations have required the continued use of hotel and motel rooms being occupied by evacuees who were forced to leave the areas effected by the disaster; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, and R.S. 29:724 in particular, the governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies or disasters and may issue executive orders, proclamations, and regulations which shall have the effect of law;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: All evacuees occupying a room shall be allowed to continue to occupy such rooms under the normal terms, conditions, and rates of the hotel or motel.

SECTION 2: No evacuee shall be replaced by a non-evacuee as long as the evacuee currently occupying the room is able to pay the nightly rates, including applicable taxes, or is able to guarantee payment through appropriate insurance coverage or by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

SECTION 3: The attorney general, state police, and local governmental authorities are authorized to ensure compliance with this Order for the amount of time the state of Louisiana remains in a state of emergency pursuant to Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005.

SECTION 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of September, 2005.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE